

MISCELLANY.

"Somebody."

There's a meddlesome "Somebody" going about. And playing his pranks, but we can't find him out. He's up-stairs and down-stairs from morning till night.

And always in mischief, but never in sight.

The rogues I have read of in song or in tale. Are caught at the end and conducted to jail; But "Somebody's" tracks are all covered so well. He never has been seen the inside of a cell.

Our young folks at home, at all seasons and times. Are rehearsing the role of "Somebody's" crimes; Or, fast as their feet and their tongues can well run.

Come to tell the last deed the sly scamp has done.

"Somebody" has taken my knife, one will say;

"Somebody" has carried my pencil away;

"Somebody" has gone and thrown down all the blocks;

"Somebody" ate up all the cakes in the box."

It is "Somebody" breaks all the pitchers and plates.

And hides the boys' sleds, and runs off with their skates.

And turns on the water, and tumbles the beds,

And steals all the pins, and melts all the doll's heads.

One night a dull sound, like the thump of a head.

Announced that one youngster was out of his bed;

And he said, half asleep, when asked what it meant.

"Somebody" is pushing me out of the tent!"

Now, if these high crimes of "Somebody" don't cease.

We must summon in the detective police;

And they, in their wisdom, at once will make known

The culprit belongs to no house but our own.

Then should it turn out, after all, to be true.

That our young folks themselves are "Somebody" too.

How queer it would look, if we saw them all go

Marched off to the station house, six in a row.

THE PECULIAR THIEF.

The wealthy merchant, Van Beeren, of Amsterdam, went to his banker's one morning, to get fifty new-coined florins. He had with him a magnificent Newfoundland dog, with curly hair, and expressive face and beautiful true brown eyes.

Oppas was the favorite of the whole family and the steady companion of his master, whom he never left, except when he had strict orders given him to watch the children, or to keep guard over some articles of value. Van Beeren could safely put his gold-headed cane in the middle of the street, and say to Oppas: "You stay here until I come back;" and there was no doubt of finding cane and dog at the same spot after hours had gone by. I would not have advised anybody to touch him then. If his master wanted to go to church or to the theatre, or in fact anywhere, where he didn't want the dog to accompany him, all he had to do was to look at him and say: "Oppas, go home!" and Oppas turned round, although mortified, and went straight home, without looking to the right or left.

Mynheer Van Beeren had taken his dog along to-day as usual, and had rather a lengthy conversation with his friend, the banker, whom he also told for what purpose he wanted the new florins.

To-day was the silver-wedding day of one of his old servants named Claus, who had been in the service of his father, and been true to them both for many years. As the man was not very well off, for he had a great many children to provide for, he wanted to give them a pleasant surprise with these fifty florins. He received them tightly done up in a roll, but the silver was rather heavy, and Mynheer Van Beeren rather lazy. He could not put it in his pocket; he did not like to carry it in his hand; and therefore, as soon as he had regained the street, he gave it to his dog, who proudly put it in his mouth and marched solemnly along with his master, until they reached the house of his former servant. Mynheer Van Beeren did not even now take the money from the dog, but wanted to have the fun of seeing the dog himself deliver it.

He did this elegantly, for when his master said to him, "Oppas, now give up your present," and pointed to the surprised servant, he went up to him, wagged his tail and allowed him quietly to take the money out of his mouth.

The old servant was greatly moved; he thanked his master with tears in his eyes, at the same time caressing the dog, who seemed to be well pleased. Moreover, when Mynheer Van Beeren left, Claus begged leave to retain the dog, around whom the children had gathered, for a while longer, that he might reward him for bringing so rich a present. The children joined in his entreaties, until the merchant said pleasantly: "Well, for my part, you may have him as a guest, but don't over-feed him, and afterwards, just open the door for him and say: 'Now go home, Oppas,' then you need not bother about him any more; he knows his way."

"But will he stay here, when you go off?"

"Certainly; he does anything I tell him. Oppas, you stay here," he said to the Newfoundland dog, who looked at him with his sagacious eyes, and then sat quietly down, as if to wait what would happen. When his master went off immediately after, he never stirred; and now the children began to coax and caress him, while the woman prepared a good repast for him, which he enjoyed hugely, until the time came when they had to send him off again. When Claus then opened the door for him and said, as he had been told: "Now, Oppas, you go home!" he wagged his tail once more, and returned straight home.

A few months had gone by, and Mynheer Van Beeren had to do business again one afternoon with the same banker. The dog went along as usual, and also lifted himself when he arrived at the counting table and offered his paw to the cashier. He, however, would not notice him to-day, and all seemed to be somewhat excited; the cause of which was immediately explained by the banker himself, who just then came out of his private office.

The thing was this: There had been committed a theft that morning with such

agility and dexterity, that the matter was wholly inexplicable. One of the clerks had made rolls of florins, and had placed ten of these, which were intended for the private expenses of the family, on his employer's desk. The latter had counted them himself twice over, so there could have been no mistake, and yet one of the rolls disappeared in a moment, while he had been handing a few letters to be copied into the main office. A theft seemed hardly possible, unless it was executed with great boldness through the window, which happened to be open, in which case it must have been done in an incredibly short space of time. How could a thief dare to climb into a window in open day-light, in a busy street, and if he did, why had he only taken one roll, when there were ten of them lying right near?

Mr. Van Groten, such was the banker's name, had, in the meantime, sent to the police office, to make known the facts, and one of the force had come up to take a look at the place. He shook his head when they showed him the window and the desk. The latter stood at least six feet from the window, so that a person, who might have jumped up to the window-board, could not from there have got at the money, but was obliged to enter the office, while Mynheer Van Groten asserted that he had not left it for half a minute. Besides, the little room had no separate entrance or exit, but only through the main office could a person get into it. The affair remained shrouded in darkness and the roll of fifty florins, of course gone. Mynheer Van Groten had become so afraid, that he shut the window every time he left his room, and as no further theft was committed, the loss was at last forgotten; at least, nothing more was said about it. Two or three weeks might have gone by, and Mynheer Van Beeren was just sipping his afternoon coffee in his "study," when old Claus sent his name in, wishing to thank his old employers.

"Thank me!" said Mynheer Van Beeren, "for what? for my last present? He has thanked me for that long ago, and since then I have not seen him; but let the old man come in."

The door opened immediately after, and Claus, hat in hand, appeared upon the threshold, but he looked very miserable. "Halloo, Claus, what is the matter with you, man? You have grown pale and so lean, that I should hardly have known you. Have you been sick? I never heard a word about it." "O, my saviour, the poor man sighed; 'I have been very sick; so sick that I did not think I should get up again; I dare not do anything yet; the doctor has given me strict orders not to work; he only allows me to walk out in the air to regain some strength.'"

"Poor Claus," Van Beeren said, compassionately; "and why didn't you let me know of it?"

"O, my dear sir," the old man said fervently; "you knew it anyhow, for you came to my rescue in my need in such a magnanimous and delicate way. I do not know how to thank you."

"My dear Claus," said Van Beeren, "I certainly would have been most happy to have assisted you, if I had heard a word of it; and perhaps it is not too late now; but I assure you I knew nothing of it, and do not understand what you mean by saying I helped you in a magnanimous and delicate manner."

"O, my dear sir," said the old man, "why not allow me to thank you, for you can't deny it. Your own good dog brought me the money, you know."

"O, is that what you mean," Mynheer smiled, "but my dear friend, that was on your silver wedding, and nobody then thought you were going to be ill."

"Ah, no; I don't mean that," the old man said, shaking his head; "the second time, about three weeks ago, when the dog came to me by himself and brought me another such roll. He had been scratching at the door for some time, before we heard him and could admit him."

"My dog?" the merchant asked in amazement; "my Oppas?"

"Why certainly; he delivered the money at my bed-side, and walked off wagging his tail."

"And how much did the roll contain?"

"Just as much as the first—fifty florins," was the answer.

"That is strange," said Mynheer, amazed; slapping his knee with his flat hand, "but Oppas shall come in."

"And you really knew nothing of it?"

"Not a syllable."

"But where can the dog have got the money?"

"He stole it!" the merchant roared out, "stole it in opposition to all laws; no! I never saw the like. Send up the dog, Claus; he will probably be down stairs in the yard; we will give him an examination. Stay, did you feed him again that time?"

"Well, you may well imagine that, Mynheer, the children didn't hardly know what to do for him, and he staid with us about an hour, until I sent him home again, because I feared you might want him."

"But I can't comprehend yet—"

"Well, never mind, Claus, I'll tell you that after a while; just send up the dog."

Oppas came, exhibiting great joy; for he jumped up at Claus continually and wagged his tail, as if to show his joy at the old man's recovery.

"I say, Oppas," his master said, "what have you been about, eh? What do I hear of you?" The great Newfoundland dog probably did not understand what his master said, but he did not like h. tone or his looks; he had become shy; but wagged his tail in a more lively manner, seeming only a little oppressed.

"Well, said his master, 'how is it? You brought old Claus; to get another extra dinner, eh?' The dog grew more shy, and now lay down on his belly and crawled up to his master, who said, laughing: 'Ah! do you acknowledge your guilt at last? Oh, you good for nothing beast!' As soon

as the dog saw the cheerful face, his fear was gone at once. Before Mynheer could have thought of it, he jumped up to him and licked his whole face in such a manner, that he could hardly keep him off. When he had quieted him a little, he told Claus the whole story of the theft at Van Groten's, which none but the dog could have accomplished, and also quieted the old man about the theft. He said the dog had only done what he would have done himself, if he had known of the sickness of his old faithful servant. He should not trouble himself about the money, for he had a perfect right to keep it. Then as soon as Claus was gone, he took a roll with fifty florins, put on his hat, and gave them to the dog to bring back the stolen money to his friend Van Groten.

"Now," thought Van Beeren, when upon reaching the house he found the window open, on account of the warm weather, "if I send Oppas in now by the same way he got the money, we will know right off if he can jump that high."

Upon reaching the window sill, he therefore said: "Oppas, hop, jump up quick." With one jump he was there, and waited for orders, wagging his tail.

Mynheer Van Beeren heard a loud cry of astonishment, but when the dog turned to him, he beckoned to him to jump into the office, which he did, upon which he himself went into the office.

Van Groten was not a little astonished when he saw his friend's dog with a roll of money in his mouth. Van Beeren soon solved the problem to him.

They laughed a great deal about the affair, but Mynheer never left the window open after that when he left his office, until he had a little lattice affixed to it. He did not trust Oppas, for he thought he might again get hungry for an extra meal, and try to place himself in possession of it by similar means.

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Greenville and Columbia Railroad.

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PASSENGER Trains leave Spartanburg for Court House Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 7 A. M., and arrive at Alston 1.30 P. M., connecting with the Greenville Down Train and trains for Charlotte and Charleston.

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Pacolet 10 7.45 2.45 2.35 Jonesville 19 8.25 8.30 1.50 1.55 Unionville 28 9.15 9.40 12.40 1.05 Santuc 37 10.16 10.21 12.03 12.08 Shelton 48 11.10 11.12 11.06 11.08 Lyles Ford 52 11.36 11.38 10.39 10.42 Strother 56 12.02 12.05 10.12 10.15 Alston 68 1.20 9.00

Jan 7 THOS. B. JETER, President.

Office North Carolina Railroad Co.,

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Leave Charlotte 11.36 p. m. Arrive 11.35 p. m. " Greensboro 5.05 a. m. and 7.17 p. m. " Raleigh 9.41 a. m. and 3.20 p. m.

Arrive Goldsboro 12.25 p. m. Leave 12.30 p. m. Through Passengers